

8 June 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

a. At the Deputies' Meeting on 8 June Mr. Bissell reported that Mr. Macy of the Bureau of the Budget had asked that all requests for releases from the Reserve be supported by a memorandum in full explaining the necessity for it. Note: this memorandum is not to go outside of the Agency but will be available to be read by the appropriate representatives of the BOB. Colonel White explained that the reason for this memo is to provide background for the initial request and any subsequent requests for releases covering the same project. The Director approved.

b. Mr. Helms reported that the Deputy Chief of Station, [redacted] (now traveling to the U. S. on home leave) had, prior to his departure, indicated to Ambassador [redacted] that the Agency would furnish [redacted] to the ambassador for the purchase of two tractors for [redacted] provided ICA is unable to furnish these funds -- which apparently is now the case. Mr. Helms said he did not know the reason for this request since we cannot get in touch with the Deputy Chief of Station at this time. However, he was sure [redacted] request was a legitimate one and recommended approval. The Director concurred.

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23 May 1960

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory, Colonel White,
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Mr. Barnes, Mr. Helms, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smith,
[redacted]

MR. DULLES:

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a. Noted a report from the EE Division concerning the strength of the [redacted] during the period 1955 to date, and asked whether we still have a responsibility to report further on this to Congressman Mahon. Mr. Helms stated he had been assured by Mr. Saunders that we did not. The Director remarked that while there had been a reduction in the strength of this Station from the over-all high in 1955, he still is of the opinion we have too many people in [redacted]. Mr. Bissell commented he intended to look into this matter during his forthcoming visit to [redacted]

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c. Noted a cable from [redacted] respecting the movement of Soviet vessels through the [redacted] and commented that he assumed that such information is immediately furnished to and considered by the Watch Committee. Mr. Sheldon stated that all such information is made available to the Watch Committee and in fact it keeps a careful check on the movement of all known Soviet vessels.

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